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Application No. 10/728,876 - Amendment filed July 19, 2006**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claim 15 has been amended as follows: Underlines indicate insertions and ~~strikethrough~~ indicate deletions. For clarity purposes, deletion of the number 4 is denoted by ~~[[4]]~~. Claims 21-22 are new

Listing of claims:

1. (Original) A biologically pure culture of a *Streptomyces* strain deposited at the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC) Accession number BAA-668, or a variant thereof.
2. (Currently amended) A Composition-composition comprising an inoculum of a strain as recited in claim 1 and a carrier.
3. (Currently amended) ~~Composition~~ The composition as recited in claim 2, wherein the carrier comprises chitosan
- 4 -14. (Cancelled)
15. (Currently amended) A method of biocontrolling common scab comprising applying on a plant an effective amount of a culture as recited in claim ~~[[4]]~~ 1, ~~wherein said strain is deposited at the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC) under Accession number BAA-668.~~
- 16 - 20. (Cancelled)
21. (New) The culture as recited in claim 1 which is a *Streptomyces* strain deposited at the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC) Accession number BAA-668.
22. (New) A composition comprising an inoculum of a strain as recited in claim 21 and a carrier.
23. (New) The composition as recited in claim 22, wherein the carrier comprises chitosan.

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24. (New) A method of biocontrolling common scab comprising applying on a plant an effective amount of a culture as recited in claim 21.
25. (New) A method of biocontrolling common scab comprising applying on a plant an effective amount of a composition as recited in claim 22.
26. (New) A method of biocontrolling common scab comprising applying on a plant an effective amount of a composition as recited in claim 23.
27. (New) A method as recited in claim 24, wherein said biocontrolling comprises reducing the severity of common scab.
28. (New) A method as recited in any one of claims 24, wherein said biocontrolling comprises reducing the incidence of common scab.